

# Illness Cancels Torrance Practice

## Good Old Days

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### Basketball Reaches Peak Interest, But They're Through in 'Big City'

While the 41 high school basketball leagues in the CIF Southern Section are just swinging into the second half showdown, schools in the Los Angeles City district have wrapped up the 1964-65 campaign. The end came so soon, Jefferson's great city championship season will obviously lose a great deal of lustre compared to CIF participants.

The CIF championship tournaments, meanwhile, begin Friday, Feb. 26, and culminate March 13. At this writing, three teams in the Torrance school district—Torrance, North and South—along with Redondo, stand a good chance to gain berths in the playoffs.

Of the three, South, 6-1, in the Bay League, has the toughest assignment. The Spartans catch Mira Costa and Santa Monica at home and travel to Redondo and Palos Verdes in four of five remaining games.

Mira Costa, despite its 3-4 record, will figure prominently in the second half. How the Mustangs fare against South and Palos Verdes will just about determine which of these two (or three) clubs will accompany Redondo to the playoffs.

In the Sky League, Beverly Hills, picked here in pre-season ratings to give North (4-1) a surprise run for the title, has gained a 3-2 midway record and appears to be the key to a four-team race for the league's two playoff spots. Morningside and Inglewood also are 3-2 at this point.

The Pioneer League is almost certain to be represented by Torrance High (3-0), but the runner-up position could go to any of three schools—West, El Segundo or Aviation. It's quite a battle.

Larry Hanson, Jefferson High's colorful basketball coach, is already counting on his newly-crowned Democrat basketball team to defend its city championship in the 1965-66 campaign.

Jefferson, which swept team honors for the 1964-65 season with a 30-59 conquest of Hamilton, finished one of the greatest seasons in school history with a sparkling 17-1 record, winning their last 16 games in a row. They avenged their only loss, a 67-65 upset by Palisades in the second non-league start of the year by whipping Pali, 82-64, in the semi-finals of the city playoffs.

Hanson, who led Jefferson to city titles in 1951-55, 58 (they also finished as runners-up in 1949-56-62-63), had predicted before this season began, "Jefferson will be city champion either this year with luck or next year for sure."

Now Larry, who has guided Jeff to three successive league crowns and began the past season with just two returning lettermen, Sam Robinson and James Cooper, can look forward to welcoming back more than a dozen veterans off this championship squad, including six who played against Hamilton—Robinson, Earl Page, Lee Tolliver, Richard Wells, Willoughby Johnson, and Lawrence Wrice.

Hanson's reputation goes back some 25 years at Jefferson High. As early as 1951 his teams had a fancy for scoring 100 or more points a game.

For several years, through 1953, the remarkable Jeff teams paid traditional trips to Redondo for an "exhibition" game against the Hawks the first week of January.

Somehow the series ended after their '53 engagement. I don't know whether or not the Seabawks' 67-64 upset win in which they came from a 23-point deficit to hand Jeff its first loss had anything to do with it, but the clubs have never played since.

It would have been interesting to have played such a game this year!

## South Matched Against Mustangs

One of the most satisfying basketball victories of the year for the South High Spartans was their 76-64 conquest of Mira Costa in the first round of the Bay League.

The win dropped the Mustangs from championship contention and propelled South to second place with a 6-1 record.

The two teams renew their series tomorrow night in the South gym.

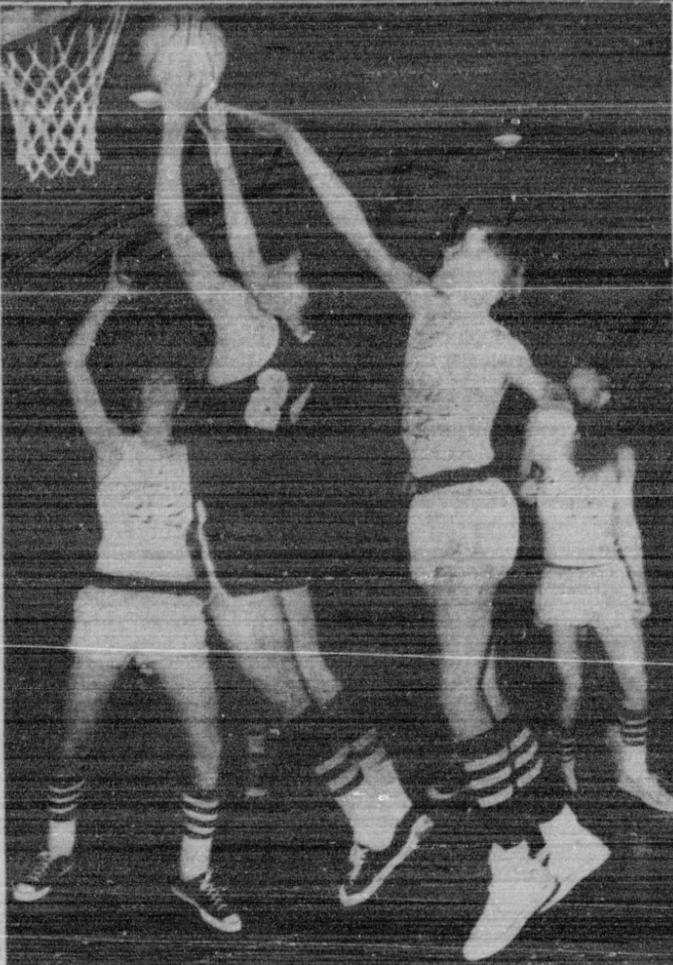
The Mustangs have been toughened by the scoring surge of Tom Egger who has run up 193 points in seven games against strong defenses.

South has gained momentum by the improved play of El Holmes and Chuck Fernandes who have joined Steve and Dave Kuchenbecker and Steve French for a formidable first unit.

Redondo draws a bye this weekend, leaving the remainder of the action to Palos Verdes vs. Santa Monica, and Rolling Hills vs. Hawthorne.

Current standings are: Vaughn Real Estate & Cons. Co. (5-0); Kahlo Realty (4-1); Branch Office (2-3); Coastcraft Rubber Co. (2-3); Design Electric (2-3); Party House (0-5).

Score by Quarters: South 23 18 9 22-72; Hawthorne 23 10 4 17-54.



CURRENT HIGH SCORER . . . For West High is Dave LaRoche (24), a junior, who is shown scoring in an earlier meeting against Torrance's Pioneer League leading Tartars. Another up-and-coming whiz is Sophomore Bart Johnson (22) of Torrance, defending on the play. Other Tartars are Barry Garrabranti (42) and Walt Hale (10). (Press-Herald photo).

## Prep Basketball Standings

Bay League				Pioneer League				Sky League						
Varsity	W	L	PF	PA	Varsity	W	L	PF	PA	Varsity	W	L	PF	PA
Redondo	5	0	544	339	Torrance	3	0	268	203	North	4	1	326	273
South	6	1	469	396	West	3	2	219	234	Beverly Hills	3	2	361	336
Palos Verdes	5	0	467	344	El Segundo	2	2	307	297	Morningside	3	2	322	291
Mira Costa	3	4	466	441	Aviation	3	2	362	397	Inglewood	3	2	391	361
Santa Monica	2	4	441	431	Lennox	1	4	234	231	Leuzinger	1	4	238	341
Hawthorne	1	7	407	562	Lewndale	0	5	226	295	Culver City	1	4	275	324
Rolling Hills	0	8	391	587										

## Sports Scoop of Year Told

Press-Herald readers, alarmed over Sunday's abbreviated sports section, may be interested in learning the sports department failed to do its job properly because of the biggest scoop of the year.

Prior to press time the regular sports page was proof read and okayed for the stereotype to run through the mat roller.

During the operation, however, the mass of type making up the page collapsed through the chase and had to be "scooped" into the lead pot!

Thus, the basketball box-scores were held over until today.

## El Camino Opens Gym Tomorrow

Official opening of the new Men's Gymnasium at El Camino College will be highlighted by a series of free athletic events beginning at 7 p.m., tomorrow.

Included will be two major athletic events and guided tours of new facilities.

Wilbur Johns, former athletic director of the University of California at Los Angeles, will assist the El Camino athletic staff in presentation of the festivities.

Key events of the evening include the El Camino College-Bakersfield wrestling meet at 7 p.m., followed by the El Camino-East Los Angeles basketball game.

Students, faculty and residents are invited to attend, John Morrow, assistant director of instruction in charge of physical education, announced.

## Crucial Games Ahead

Torrance High coach Will Boerger called off basketball practice Tuesday afternoon when three of his first stringers—Bob Brennan, Walt Hale, and Fred Carpenter—took to their beds with colds.

The practice schedule was interrupted on the eve of a two-game road trip that takes the Tartars to West and Aviation for a pair of crucial Pioneer League games.

The conquering Tartars will invade the West High gym tomorrow for the third match of the season against the Warriors. A 12-game win streak, one of the longest in the school's recent history, will be on the line.

Saturday evening, after a short break to observe Mr. Lincoln's Birthday, the Tartars travel to Aviation.

Brennan is leading the Pioneer League in scoring with 96 points in five games, averaging 19.2 per game. Hale, who is averaging 17.4 points per game, is the leading Tartar rebounder.

Torrance will still be the favorite against West, especially after the 70-50 licking which West suffered last time the two teams met.

That, and the Torrance victory over Aviation, left West, Aviation, and El Segundo with 3-2 records and turned the fight for a CIF berth into a dog fight.

Sophomore ace Bart Johnson, who has an average of 16.8 points in league games, and center Richard Davies remain healthy, but Tartar boss Will Boerger called off yesterday's practice anyway.

Davies now figures in a key role in the Torrance game—he has been scoring of late, and with the rebounds he regularly gets, Davies could give West's John Cochran some trouble.

Meanwhile, at West, coach Tom Sutherland is still waiting for guard Dani Thomas to show some signs of a comeback. Thomas, playmaker and top ballhandler for the Warriors, has been unable to find the range lately.

Thomas got 13 points against El Segundo, but nine of them were scored while standing at the foul line.

In a Pacific Shores Tournament game, Torrance defeated West 60-58, then won the consolation prize.

While Torrance and West are battling Thursday, El Segundo will travel to Lewndale and Lennox will meet Aviation in the Falcon gym.

The Aviation-Torrance encounter is the only game scheduled for Saturday evening.

At this stage of the game it would not be too surprising to find any combination of teams in the winner's circle on Abraham Lincoln's Birthday.

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## Little League Sets Try-Outs

Try-outs for North Torrance West Little League will be Saturday and Sunday of next week at Dominguez Field, 190th St. and Beryl St.

Boys are to report at the following hours: Saturday, 9 a.m., 10 yr. olds; 10 a.m., 11 yr. olds; 1 p.m., 12 yr. olds; Sunday, 1:30 p.m., 8 and 9 yr. olds.

Boys who have not registered may do so during try-outs.

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### WEST TORRANCE PONY

## George Schindler Chosen President



GEORGE SCHINDLER

Player registration for the West Torrance Pony League is in progress, according to George Schindler, president.

Following a series of sign-ups at Sepulveda Schools, registrations will continue at the home of the president, 22324 Ladene Ave.

Tryouts are set for two consecutive Saturdays, Feb. 20 and 27 at Ryan Field.

West Torrance Pony League is forming a women's auxiliary as a major project for the year, Schindler announced. He said Mrs. Joyce Males held a get-acquainted meeting last week to initiate the auxiliary.

The league, drawing its players from the same boundaries of the Torrance American and Southwood Little Leagues, will have a team for all boys who want to join Pony League, explains Schindler. He said eight teams were organized last season.

Elected to office with him are Carl Linstad, vice president; Mrs. Marge Quinn, secretary; Mrs. Joan Hogue, treasurer; Thad Moles, player agent; Fred Miles, field commissioner; John Schuman, equipment manager; Mel Winter, chief umpire; Mrs. Hazel Schindler, publicity; and Mrs. Males, auxiliary president.

The league president was active in the Torrance American Little League for five years and is a past cubmaster for Pack 966 in Torrance. Schindler is a recipient of an honorary life membership at Meadow Park School P.T.A.

Except for a second loss to Beverly Hills, 87-79, last Friday, Morningside would be even with North starting the second round; that's how much everybody has been beating each other.

Beverly Hills (3-2) lost to both North (4-1) and Culver City (1-4) and will be back for return shot at Culver tomorrow night.

Leuzinger (1-4) upset Culver City for its only win last weekend and returns to face Inglewood, the villain which toppled North from the unbeaten ranks.

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## Riviera LL Holds Signups

Riviera Little League registration will be held Saturday from 9 a.m. to 12 noon at Riviera School cafeteria. It will be repeated Monday from 7 to 9 p.m., league president Bill Thompson has announced.

Boys who become 8 prior to Aug. 1 and will not be 13 before Aug. 1 are eligible to sign-up.

## Twosome Tied In Basketball

The Roaches and the Wreck Aides basketball teams share the top spot in the Torrance Recreation Department's Tuesday League.

Standings are: Roaches (4-1); Wreck Aides (4-1); Mickey Thompson Enterprises (3-2); Falcons (2-3); Sportsmen (2-3); Globets (0-5).

## Slo-Pitch Won

The Winter Slo-Pitch League championship goes to the Morris Union 76 team, following a narrow 5-4 win over Sparetime.

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